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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FAN ET AL.

Examiner

Ted M. Wang

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-9 and 12-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-8 and 18-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 13-17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. The indicated allowability of claims 9 and 12 are withdrawn in view of the previously cited reference(s) to US 6,904,106. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Balanchard et al. (US 5,629,929) in view of Papasakellariou et al. (US 6,904,106).

- With regard claim 9, Balanchard et al. discloses a method for despreading (Fig.3 and column 1 lines 58-60) a received spread spectrum signal, comprising the steps of:

transforming said received signal (Fig.3 element 56);

multiplying (Fig.3 elements 71-1 – 70-N) said transformed signal with a set of transformed spreading codes (Fig.3, output of elements 72-1 – 72-N);

Balanchard et al. discloses all of the subject matter as described in the above paragraph except for specifically teaching (a) summing said multiplied signal to generate a despread signal and canceling by-products from said despread signal; wherein said canceling step is performed as a function of an average of said down sampled signal and said despread signal (b) down sampling said transformed signal.

However, Papasakellariou et al. teaches summing said multiplied signal to generate a despread signal (Fig.5 elements 171 –174 and column 7 lines 1-2) and canceling by-products from said despread signal; wherein said canceling step is performed as a function of an average of said sampled signal (Fig.5 elements 171 –174 and column 6 lines 61 – column 7 line 6) in order to recover the received signal and reduce the interference and complexity of the rake receiver (column 6 lines 1-17) to improve system quality and cost.

Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to include the method as taught by Papasakellariou et al. in which summing said multiplied signal to generate a despread signal and canceling by-products from said despread signal; wherein said canceling step is performed as a function of an average of said down sampled signal and said despread signal, into Balanchard's interference canceling rake receiver so as to improve system quality and cost.

Furthermore, Balanchard et al. and Papasakellariou et al. disclose all of the subject matter as described in the above paragraph except for specifically teaching down sampling said transformed signal.

However, Papasakellariou et al. teaches down sampling said transformed signal (column 2 lines 47 – 56) in order to recover the received signal and reduce the interference and complexity of the rake receiver (column 6 lines 1-17) to improve system quality and cost. Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to include the method as taught by Papasakellariou et al. in which down sampling said transformed signal, into Balanchard's interference canceling rake receiver so as to improve system quality and cost.

- With regard claim 12, Balanchard et al. further discloses wherein said transforming step and said transformed spreading codes use the same transformation (Fig.5 elements 56, $FFT < 72 - N$, FFT , where $N = 1$ to N).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 18-21 allowed.
5. Claims 13-17 are objected to as being dependent upon an objected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.
 - The prior art fails to teach an apparatus of Claims 1 and 18 that specifically comprises the following:

-- The instant application is deemed to be directed to a non-obvious improvement over the admitted prior art of the instant application and the invention patented in Pat. No. US 5,629,929 and US 6,904,106. The improvement comprises that splitting two bits from a spreading code alternately into I and Q data; converting said I and Q data; inserting zeros alternately into said I and Q data; inserting an initial condition for said I and Q data; and calculating transformed codes as a function of said I and Q data.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ted M. Wang whose telephone number is 571-272-3053. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner
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